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SUBJ: ANTI-TERRORIST PLANNING

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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO; HONG KONG FOR RSO AND RSS

1. IN REF A THE DEPARTMENT INTER ALIA REQUESTED DATES CELEBRATED BY DISSIDENTS DURING WHICH USG INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONNEL MIGHT EXPECT DEMONSTRATIONS AND/OR ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIONS TO OCCUR. AS REF B INDICATES, AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO DATES ON WHICH WE COULD EXPECT SUCH ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY WISHES TO CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE DATE OF FEBRUARY 28 AS A TIME OF POSSIBLE DISSIDENT ACTIVITY ON THE ISLAND NOT REPEAT NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE USG.

2. ON FEBRUARY 28, 1947 MARTIAL LAW WAS DECLARED ON TAIPEI BECAUSE OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN MAINLANDERS AND TAIWANESE RESULTING FROM TAIWANESE RESISTANCE TO MAINLANDER CONTROL. SINCE THAT TIME THE DATE OF FEBRUARY 28 HAS BEEN SYMBOLIC OF TAIWANESE SENTIMENTS OF SEPARATE IDENTITY FROM THE MAINLAND AND OF OPPOSITION AMONG CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE POPULACE TO MAINLANDER RULE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE DATE'S HISTORIC BACKGROUND, ANY DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES ON THAT DATE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE DIRECTED AGAINST GROC RATHER THAN USG

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INSTALLATIONS. HOWEVER: SHOULD THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZA-

TION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE PRC LEAD SOME
TAIWANESE TO BELIEVE THAT THE US HAS JEOPARDIZED TAIWANESE
INTERESTS, FEBRUARY 28 COULD BECOME A POTENTIAL TIME FOR
ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES.
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